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power for the whole of the Ural region. A total of 300 small hydroelectric stations have been built on small rivers throughout the oblast. However the various state sanitation inspection organizations have repeatedly failed to establish sanitation zones to insure sanitation and hygienic conditions for water reservoirs.

Production conferences have proven very effective in improving the quality of USSR public medical aid. In 1948 some 82 percent of the proposals submitted at 18,620 conferences were adopted. It was due to such a conference that the city of Leningrad revamped the organization of its public health department.

At one of the conferences held at the Hospital "B Pamyat' 25 Oktyabrya" Prof I. P. Vinogradov, Chief Hospital Physician, decided that otorhinolaryngological and neuropathological patients should be admitted to the polyclinic. The Polyclinic may now make use of the bed space in the hospital.

The Chair of Infectious Diseases of the State Order of Lenin Institute for the Improvement of Doctors imeni S. M. Kirov is starting a clinic in the Hospital imeni Botkin. The hospital's assistant director, who, at the same time, is organizer for the Chair of Infectious Diseases, recommended at a recent production conference held by the Chair of Infectious Diseases that the duties of therapist and infectionist be combined under a single specialty, and that these new specialists stress home treatment. This was put into effect and has produced excellent results. Now doctors assigned to hospitals can make use of the facilities of polyclinics, thus making it possible to diagnose many of the infectious diseases in the early stages.

Subjects most frequently under discussion at the State Institute for the Improvement of Doctors (GIDUV) are erroneous diagnosis and therapy, and new methods for the control of disease.

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